Introduction to the Command Line

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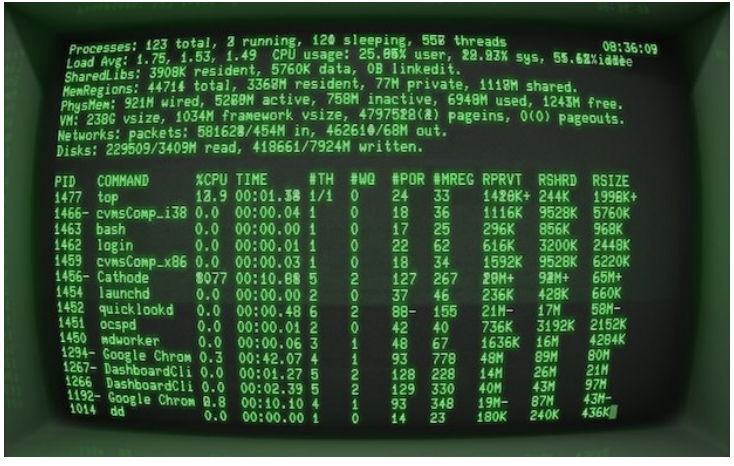
Set Up SSH

- Any OIST member can use the HPC resources. Apply here:
  - https://groups.oist.jp/scs/request-access
    Select “Open Resources”
- OSX Users
  - You should already have SSH
  - Install “XQuartz” for graphics (reboot after installation)
- Windows Users
  - Install free “MobaXTerm”. Can use SSH and graphical applications.
- Linux and BSD Users
  - You already have everything.

https://groups.oist.jp/scs/connect-clusters

The Command Line

We have a perfectly fine graphical environment.
Why do we bother with a command line?!



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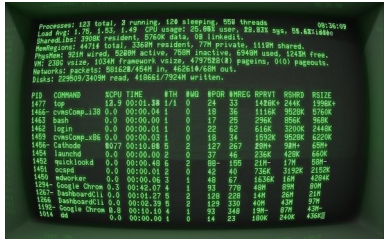


- It's Precise and Composable

  Combine commands to quickly do very complex tasks

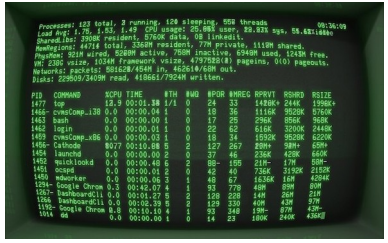
- It's Scriptable

  Automate recurring tasks.

- It's Low Bandwidth

  Access from anywhere, work on any device.

Why **not** The Command Line?



- It's Opaque and hard to Explore
  - What is even available?! What can you do?!
- It's Intimidating
  - Feels like you can break things at any time.
- It's (sometimes) not Accessible
  - You need a keyboard and you need to be able to use it.

Command Line

We show our command line examples like this:

```
# log in to Deigo
$ ssh -X your-name@deigo.oist.jp
```

- "$" is a prompt where you can type things. We use it to show commands you run.
- "#" starts a Bash comment.

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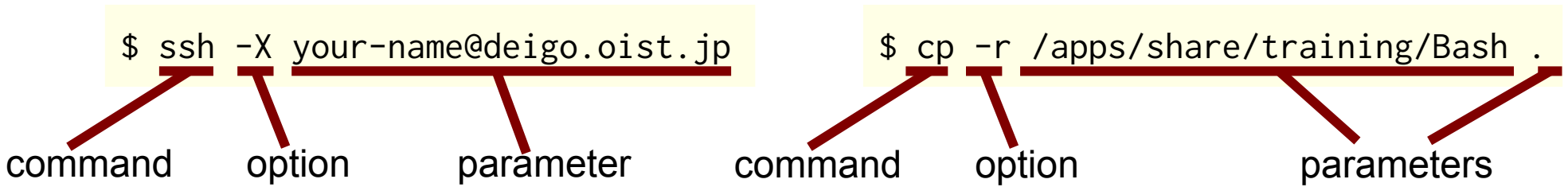

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Command: The name of an application

- Most are programs
- A few are built in to the shell itself

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Options: Changes how the program works

- One "-" and one letter ("`-X`"), or two "--" and a word ("`--verbose`")
- Short options can often be combined: "`-s -t`" → "`-st`"
- Options can have values ("`--user jan-moren`")

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Parameters: What the application should work on

- ssh: name of remote computer
- copy: source and destination
- text editor: name of file to edit

Let’s Log In

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Handy Tip:

Avoid typing with *tab completion:*

```
$ cp -r /a<tab>/sh<tab>/t<tab>/B<tab> .
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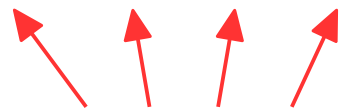
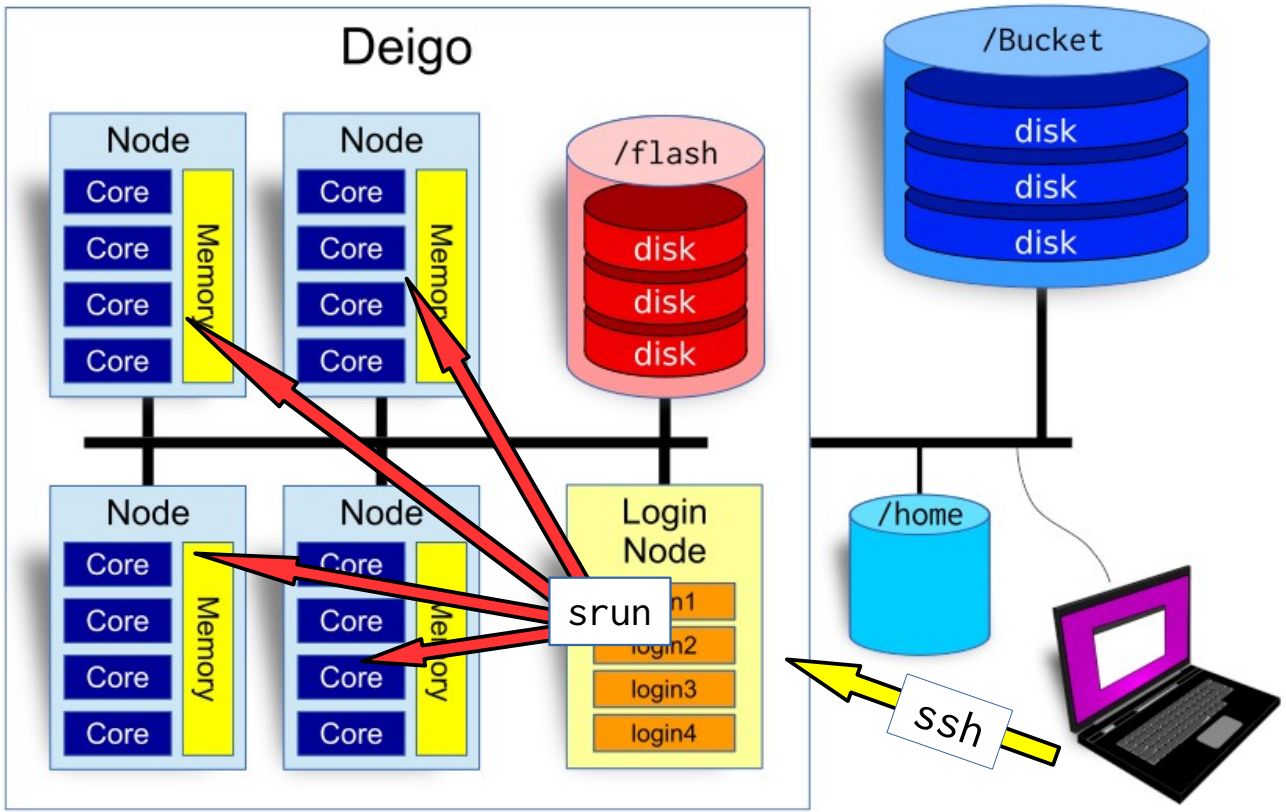


Press the tab key to fill in the name

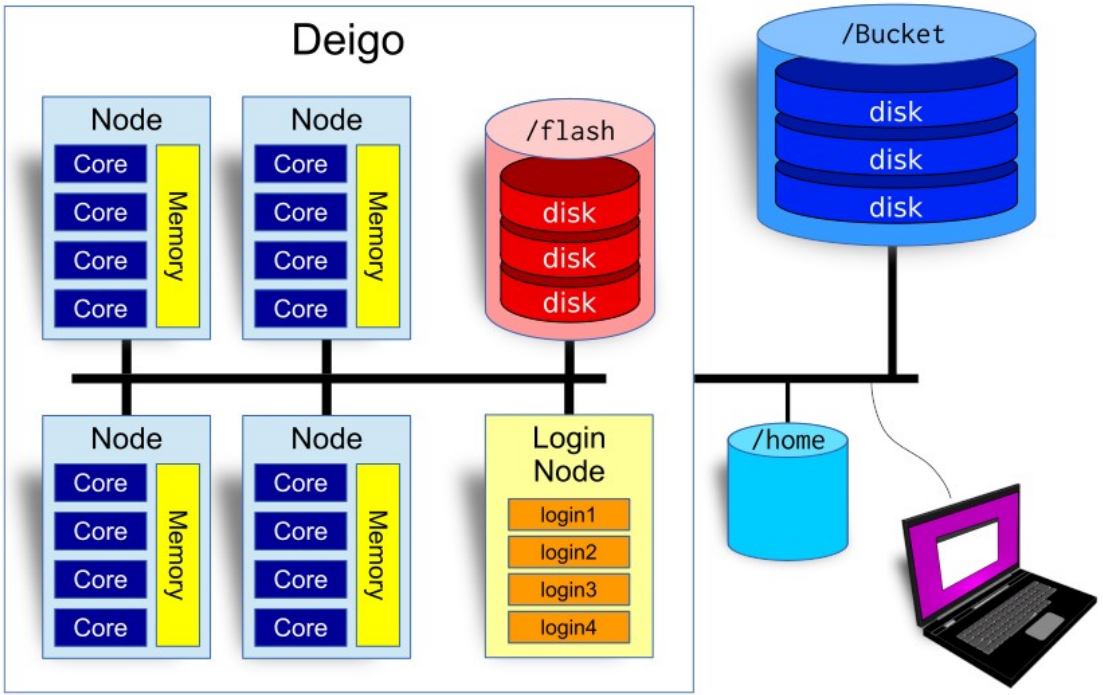
Press **once** to fill in unique parts.

Press **twice** to see matching alternatives. This works with directories, files, programs and parameters.

The Deigo cluster



Deigo Storage



`/home` Your home.
Small (<50GB), slow.
Use for: configuration files, source

`/flash` In-cluster file system
Not big (10TB/unit), fast
Use for: running jobs

`/bucket` Long-term storage file system
Big, backed up
read-only from computing nodes
Use for: storing data

Comspace
5TB/unit
Share storage across units, restricted storage etc.

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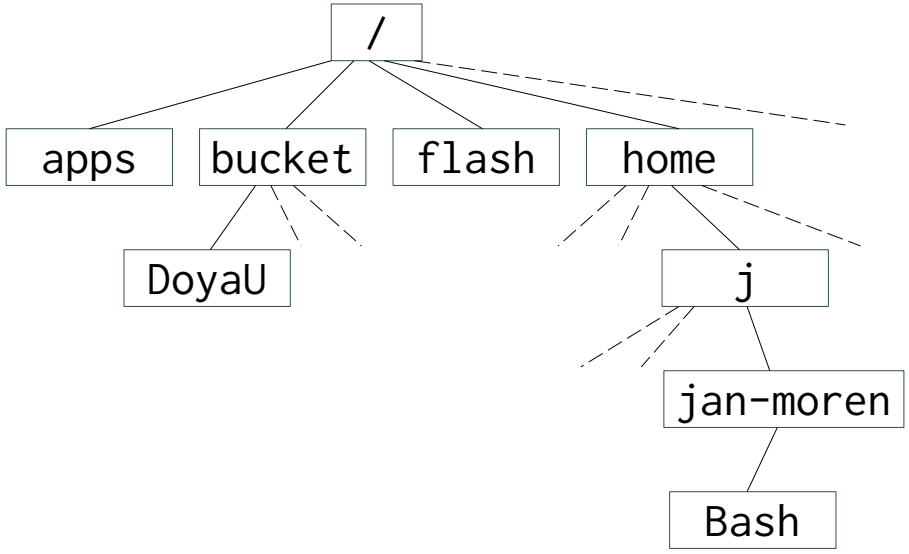

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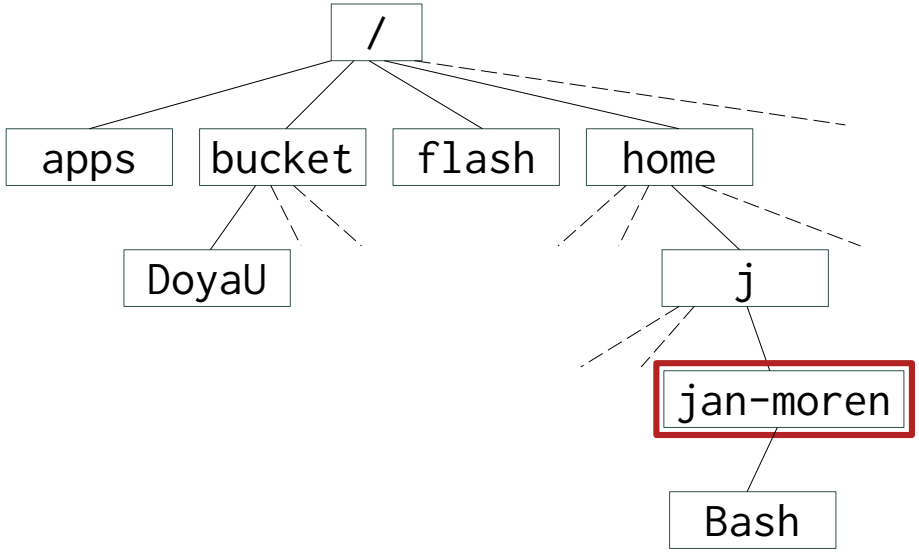


```
$ pwd
/home/j/jan-moren
```

The File System

See your current directory with "pwd":

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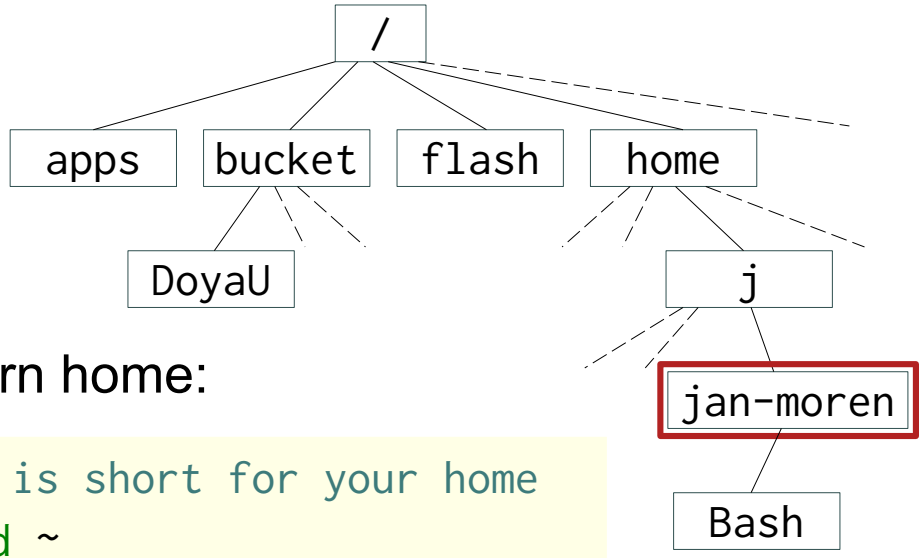
List current directory with "ls":

```
$ ls
10.2                    nl3
```

Change directory with "cd":

```
$ cd Bash
```



Return home:

```
# ~ is short for your home
$ cd ~
# $HOME is also your home
$ cd $HOME
# just 'cd' returns you home
$ cd
```

The File System

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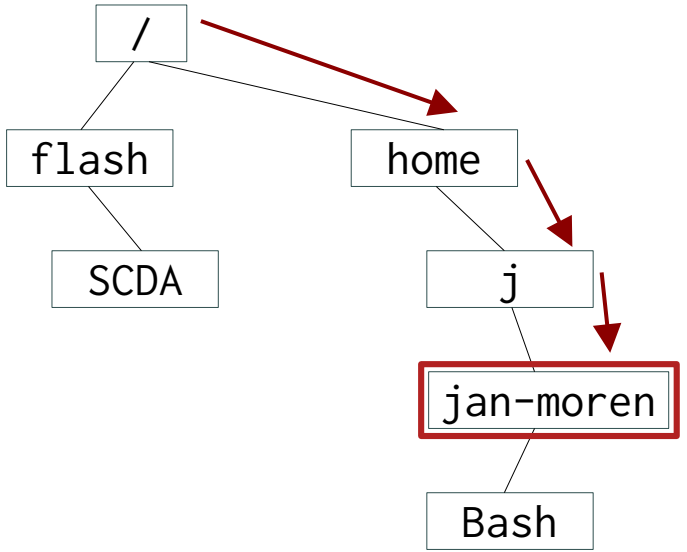
Absolute path begins from the top with "/":

```
$ ls /home/j/jan-moren
```



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$ ls /bucket/SCDA
```
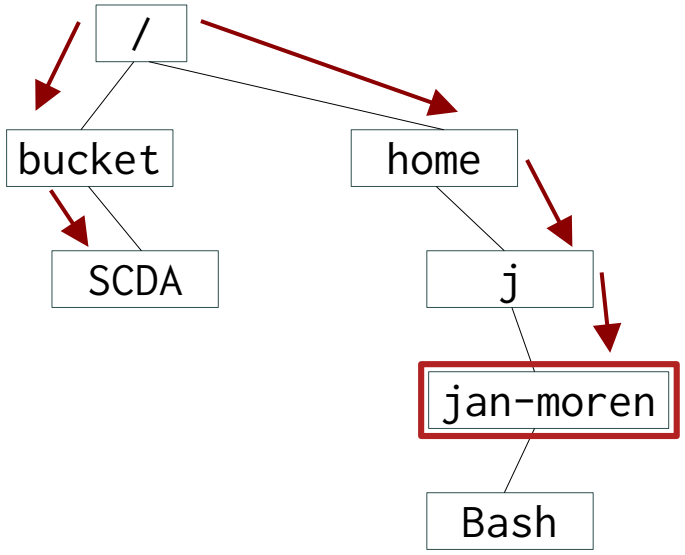

try with your unit



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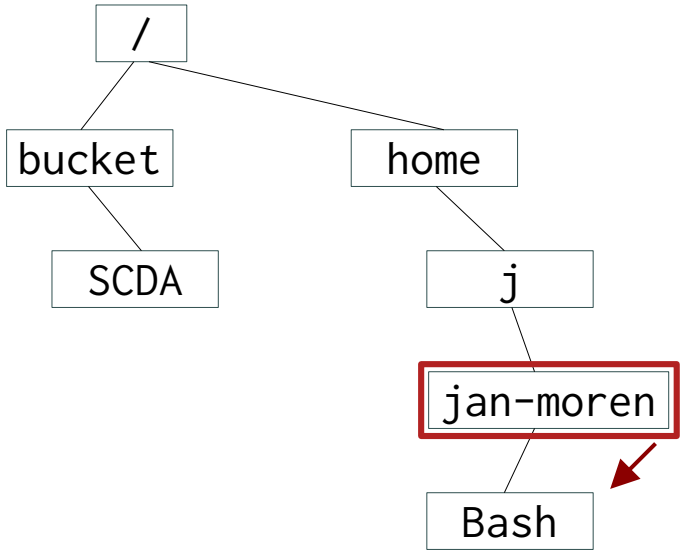

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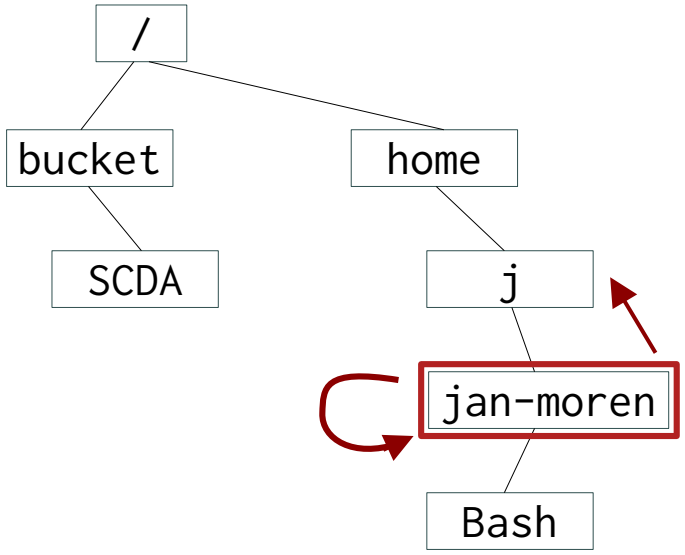

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"." means here and ".." means one step up:

```
$ ls ..
```

```
# same thing:
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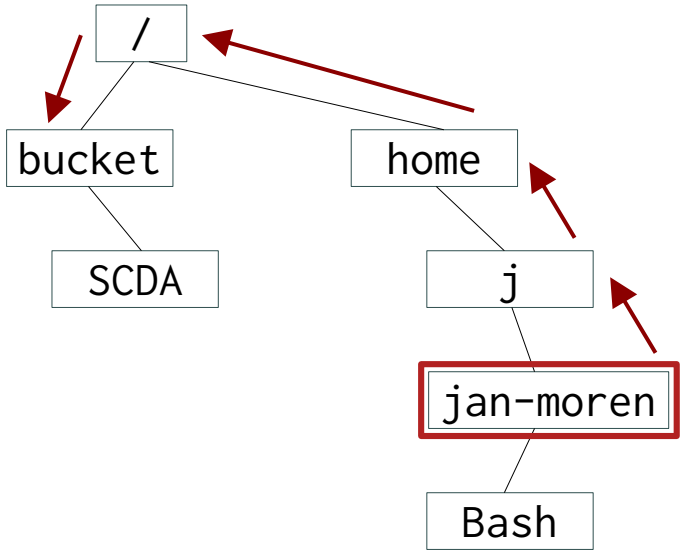

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$ ls ../../../bucket
# same thing:
$ ls .././../../../bucket
```
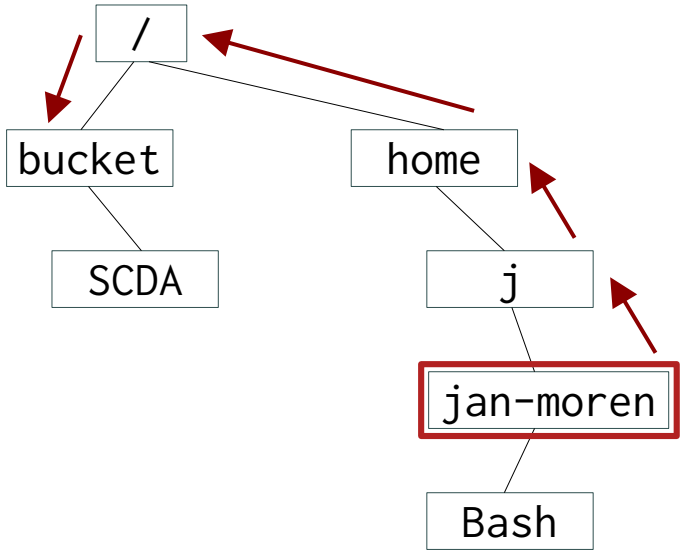

The File System

Useful Commands

`ls <path>`	list contents of directory
`cd <path>`	go to directory
`pwd`	show your current directory
`cp <source> <dest>`	copy file or directory
`mv <source> <dest>`	move (rename) file or directory
`rm <thing>`	delete file or directory
`mkdir <dir>`	create new directory
`touch <file>`	create new, empty file (or "update" a file)
`less <file>`	open and read a file
`nano <file>`	edit a file (limited, simple editor)



Wildcards

Match groups of files by name

- * stands for "any number of characters"
- ? stands for "any one character"

```
# any file ending with ".txt"
$ ls *.txt
macbeth.txt   bipp.txt      hello.txt
# a set of fasta files
$ ls name_ID????.fasta
name_ID0001.fasta     name_ID0002.fasta
```

Command line tips:

- **`history`** shows your command history
- ⬆️ and ⬇️ moves through your previous commands
- **`ctrl+r`** searches through your command history
- `!number` run command <number>

Help!!!!

1. Use the help options

   Most (not all) commands have either "-h" or "--help" for a short summary:

```
$ rm --help
Usage: rm [OPTION]... [FILE]...
Remove (unlink) the FILE(s).

  -f, --force   ignore nonexistent files and arguments, never prompt
  -i            prompt before every removal
  -I            prompt once before removing more than three files, or
                  when removing recursively; less intrusive than -i,
...
```

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(I really meant to be working but I got distracted by the shiny lights))

Help!!!!

2. "man" pages

many applications have manual pages with terse usage information in a standard format:

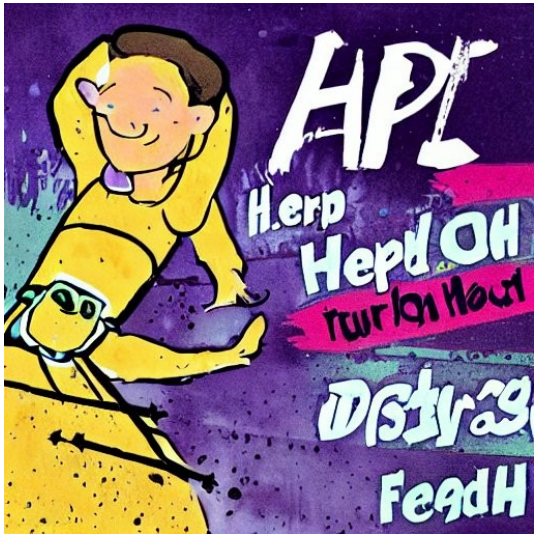
```
$ man rm
```

```
 dRM(1)                          User Commands                RM(1)

NAME
    rm - remove files or directories

SYNOPSIS
    rm [OPTION]... [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION
    This  manual  page  documents the GNU version of rm. rm removes
    each specified file. By default, it does not remove directories.
. . .
```



man uses "less" to show text:

⬆️,⬇️	move up and down
<space>	page down
/	search for a string
q	quit

Help!!!!

3. Search online

- Many, many pages, tutorials, forums online.
- Google is still least bad (maybe)
- Use "bash" as one keyword

Do NOT just copy and paste commands you find online!

- It might be **outdated**
- It might be **wrong**
- It might be **malicious**

→ Always try to understand what you're doing

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Exercise

It's Your Turn!

- Here is the cluster training data directory:

  `/apps/share/training/Intro`

- Under that directory, find a file called "`animals.txt`"

1. Create a new directory called "`from_intro`" inside your `Bash` directory in your home
2. Copy the file to your new directory
3. Find out how many Platypuses we have

```
$ man <command>
$ command --help
```

```
ls <path>
cd <path>
pwd
```

```
cp <source> <dest>
mv <source> <dest>
rm <thing>
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Let’s set up Key-based login

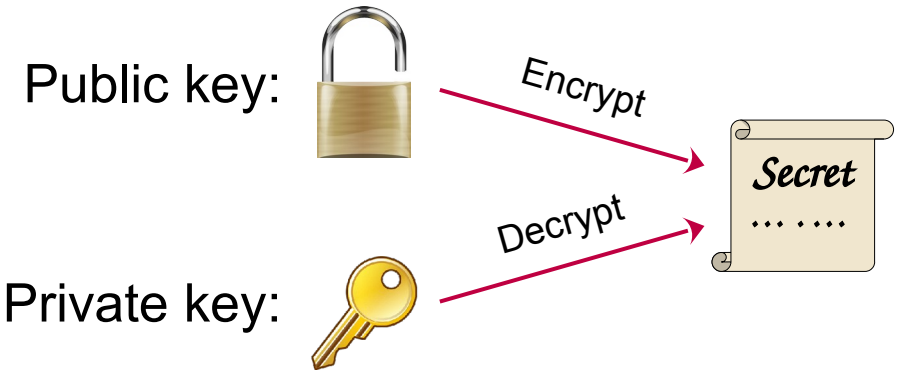
Passwords are a pain:

- Have to type every time you log in
  - … and every time you copy a file
- Not very secure
- Can’t log in from outside OIST

Keys are the solution!

- No need to remember anything
- No need to *type* anything
- Log in directly from anywhere

SSH Keys



SSH keys use *asymmetric* encryption:

- One key can only *encrypt*
- The other can only *decrypt*
- *Anybody* can encrypt a message with the public key;
- *Only you* can decrypt it with the private key.

SSH Keys

Public key:

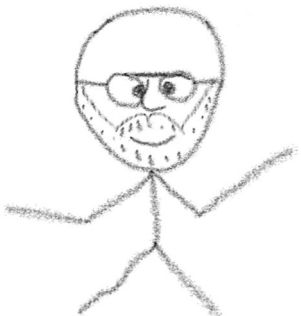
Encrypt

Secret

… ….

Decrypt

Private key:



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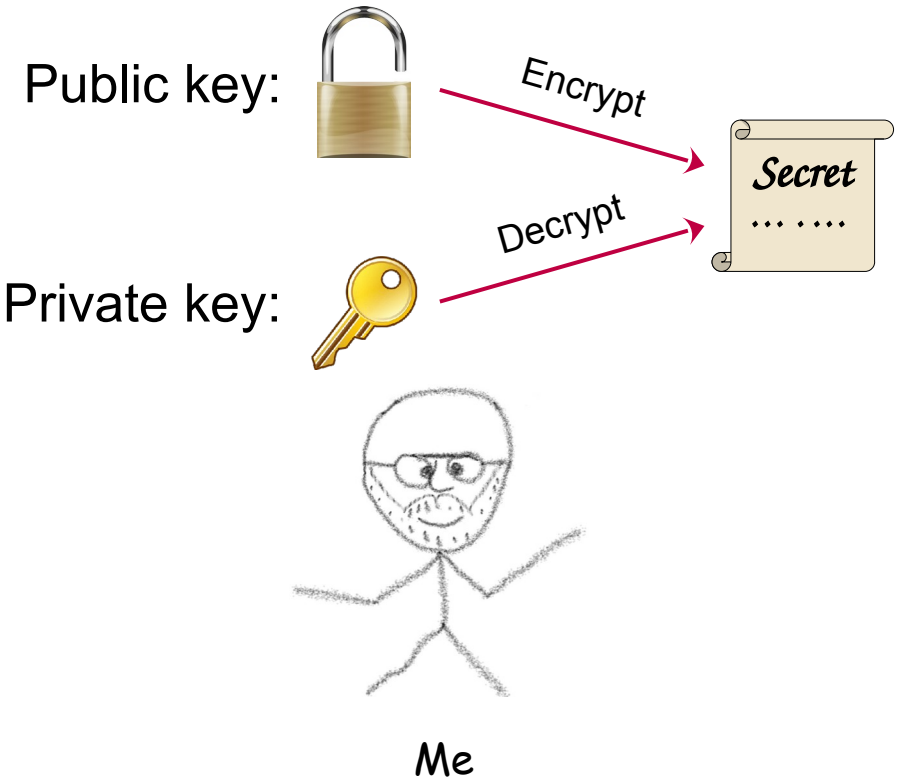
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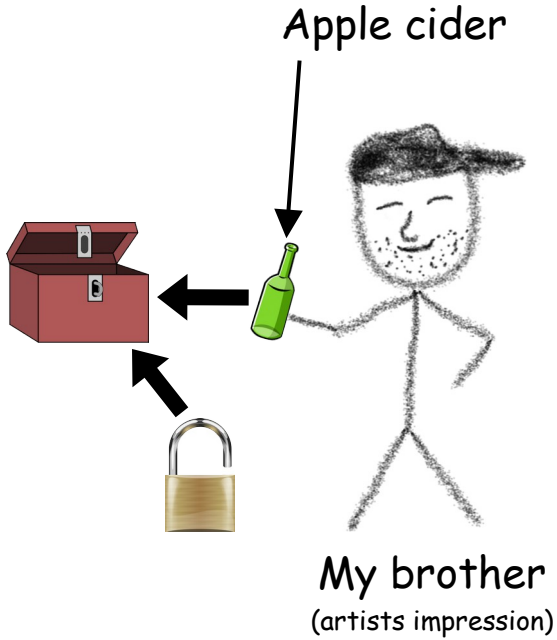
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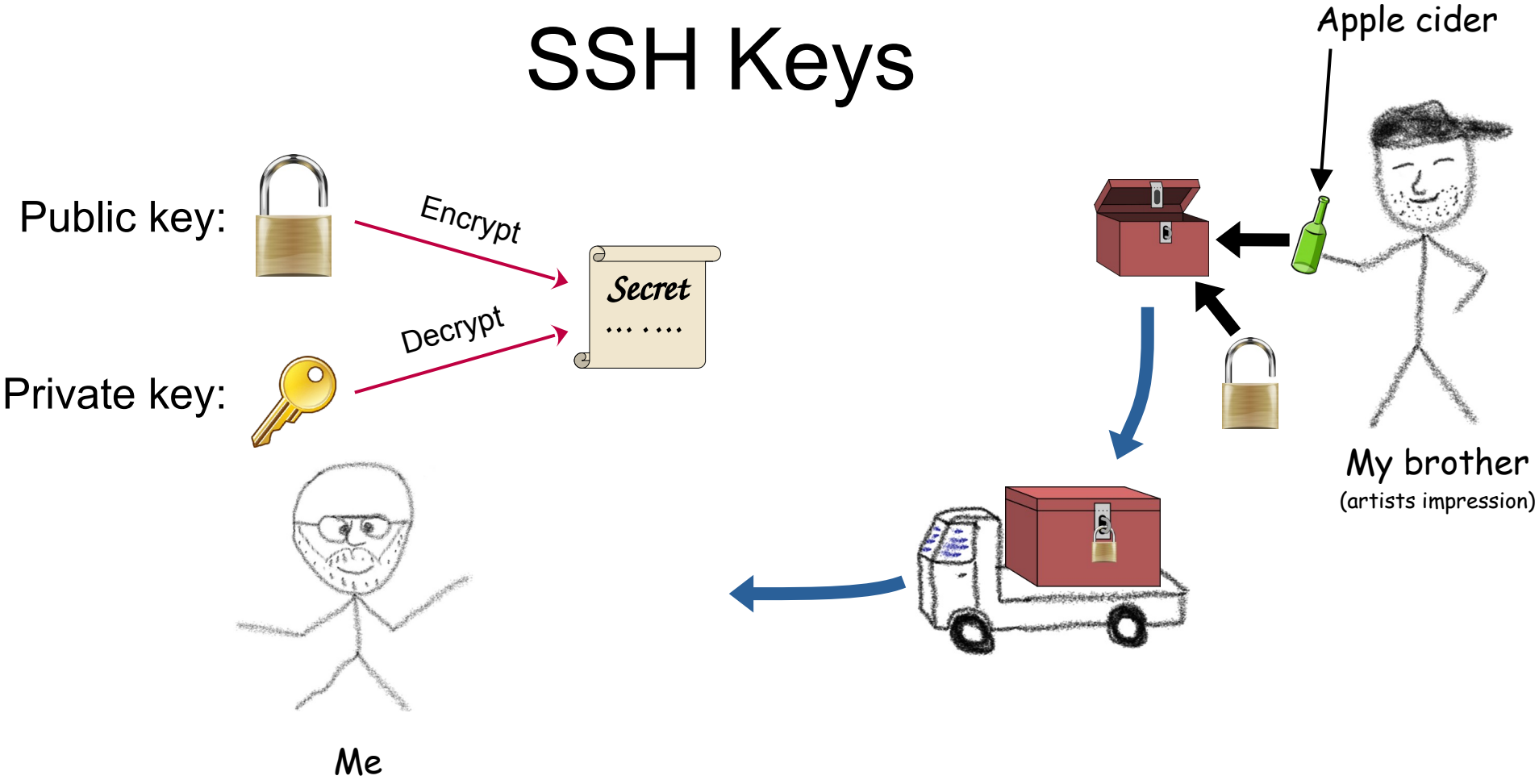
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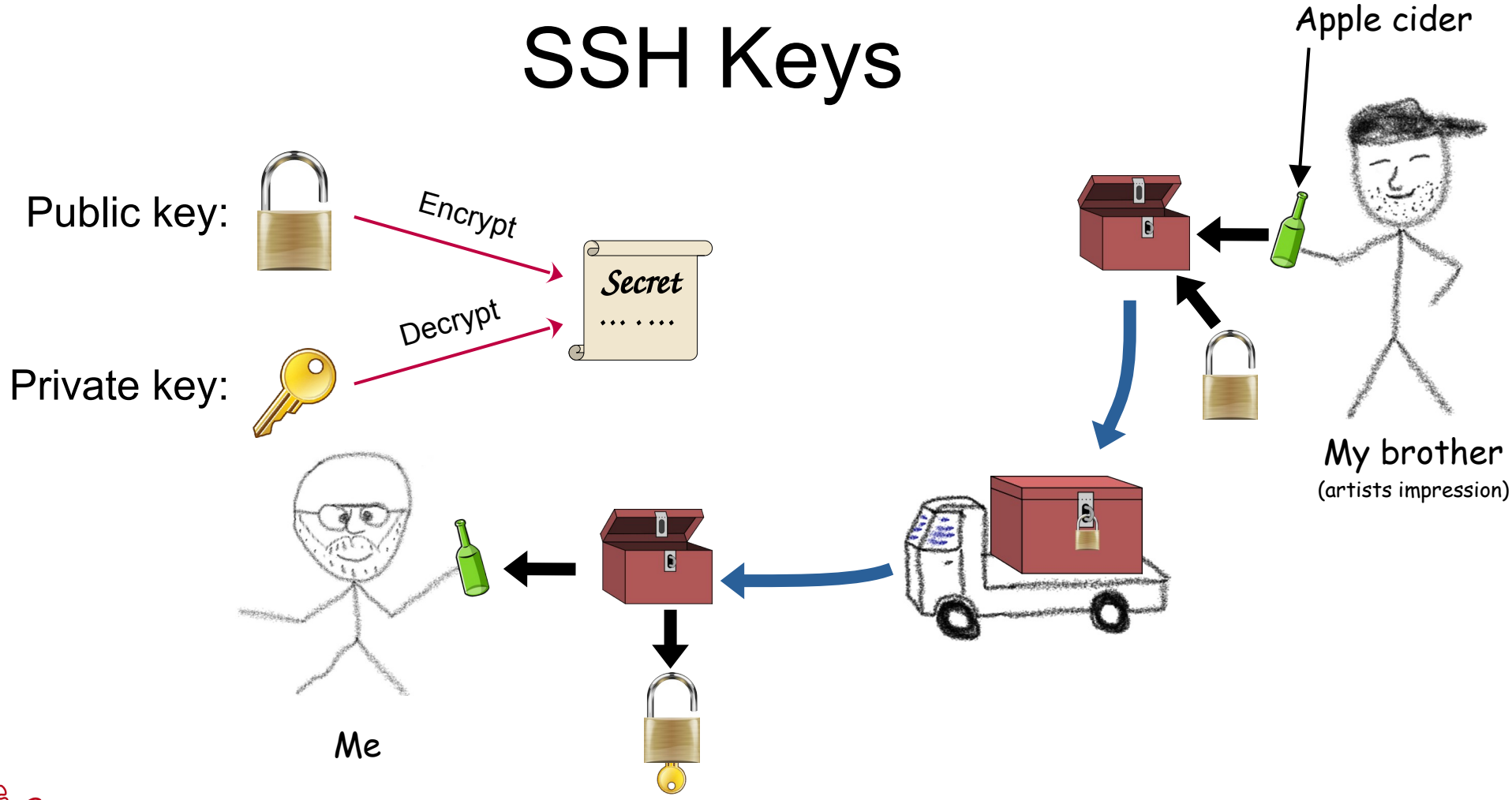
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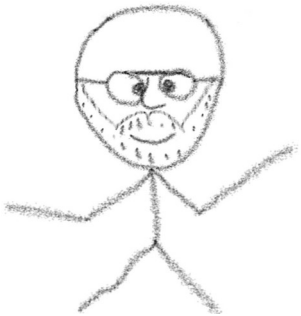
Prove Your Identity With Keys

“I want to log in”



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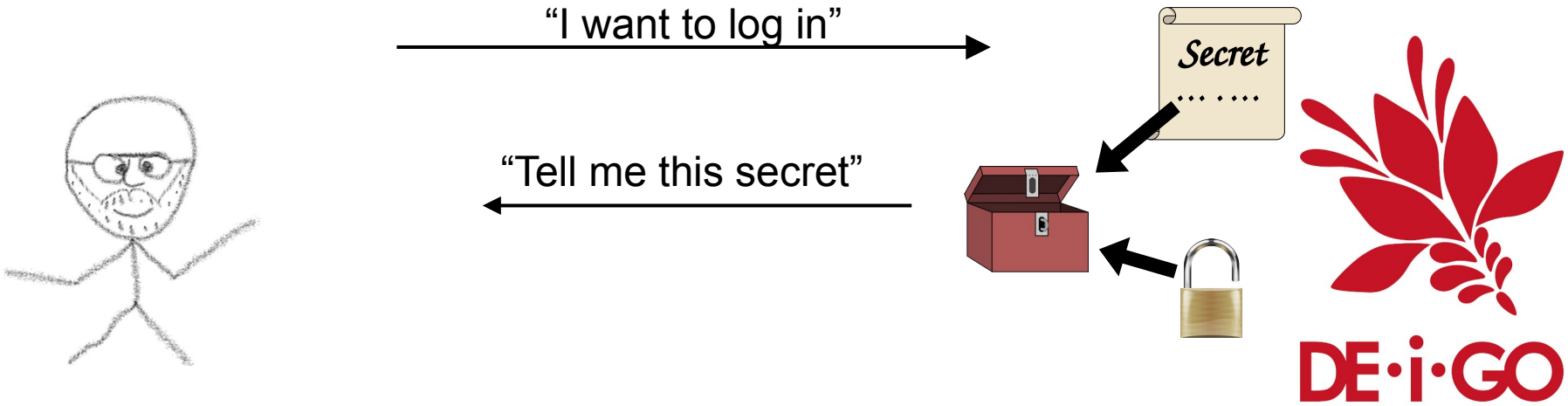

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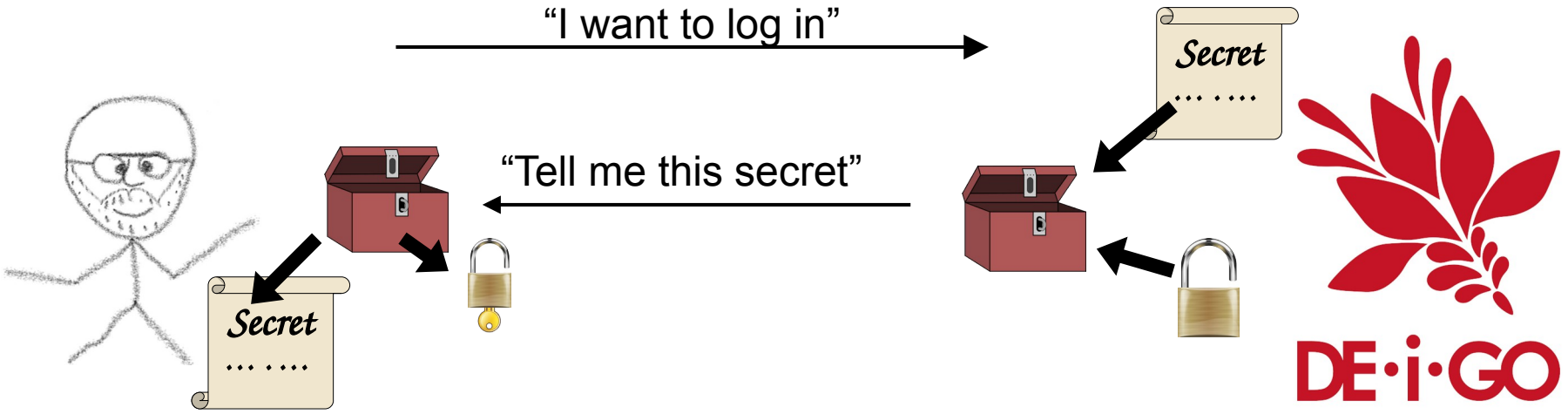

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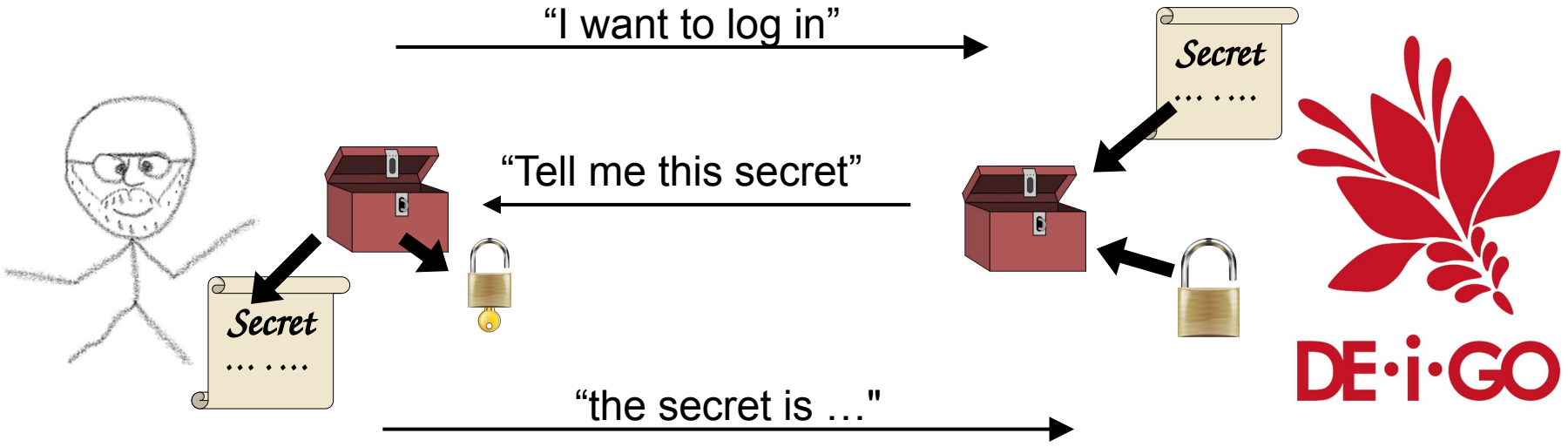

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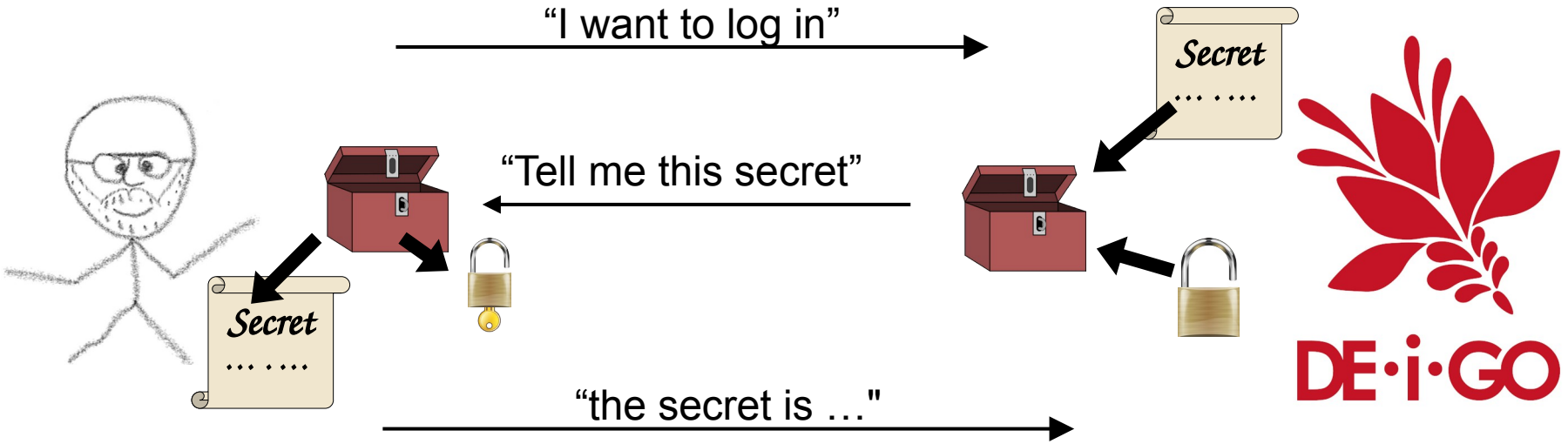
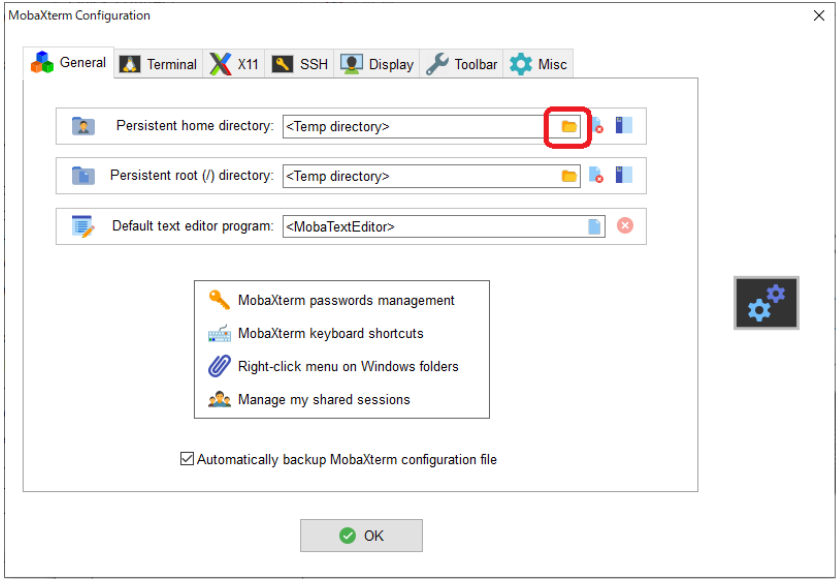


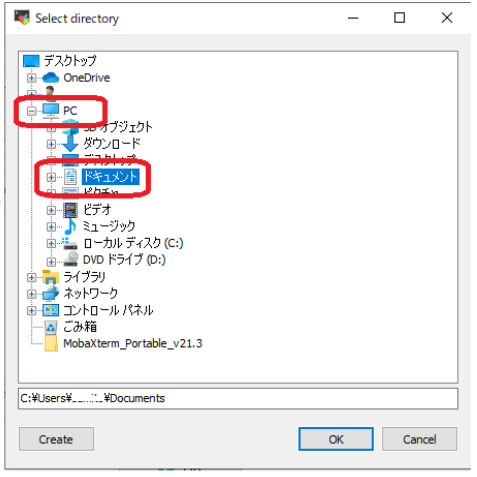
You *are* your private key

any machine with your private key can log into any machine with your public key

Windows users

If you are using “Mobaxterm”, create a persistent home directory





Generate a Key Pair

Open a terminal ***on your laptop***, and run:

```
$ ssh-keygen
Generating public/private ed25519 key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/xxxxx/.ssh/id_ed25519):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/xxxxx/.ssh/id_ed25519
Your public key has been saved in /home/xxxxx/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:XlMcATZdFfbK3cHNqACw9cpIdv89LUgzHvUBMYqIJYo janne@loke
...
```

Copy The Key To Deigo

on your laptop, run:

```
$ ssh-copy-id user-name@deigo.oist.jp
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: attempting to log in with the new key(s),
to filter out any that are already installed
/usr/bin/ssh-copy-id: INFO: 1 key(s) remain to be installed --
if you are prompted now it is to install the new keys
user-name@deigo.oist.jp's password:
...
```

Test the New Key

on your laptop, run:

```
$ ssh user-name@deigo.oist.jp
 ************************************************************************
 *  Unauthorized access to this resource is prohibited.                 *
 *  Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology.                        *
 ************************************************************************
Last login: Wed Aug  7 14:37:36 2024 from 10.13.69.218
jan-moren@deigo-login4: (10:33)
~$
```

Note: you *must* be on the “OIST” network!

Create an SSH Config File

Many apps can be configured with configuration files

- They're usually text format
- They are usually in your home:
  - A file beginning with a '.'
  - In an app-specific subfolder
  - In the '.config/' subfolder

Names that begin with '.' are hidden by default

```
# the -a option shows hidden files/dirs
$ ls -a
.bash_history           # your shell history
.bash_profile           # Bash settings
.bashrc                 # Bash settings
.cache/                 # temporary data
.config/                # many apps settings
.inputrc                # commandline settings
.lmod.d/                # Your module cache
.matlab/                # matlab settings
.ssh/                   # Your SSH folder
.vimrc                  # Vim editor settings
```

Create an SSH Config File

We need an editor.....a ***code*** editor. What is that?

Uses *only* plain text

Text editors change simple “ to fancy “ and ”, plain – (minus) to fancy — and so on.

These are completely different characters, so your code breaks.

Supports syntax highlighting, autocompletion and so on

Text editors (avoid these):

- Word
- Wordpad
- TextEdit

Code editors:

- Notepad
- VSCode
- SublimeText

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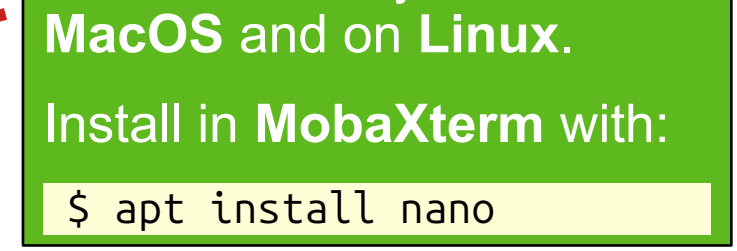

Nano benefits:

- Available everywhere
- Text mode – no graphics needed
- Runs fine across SSH
- Simple and easy to grasp

Create an SSH Config File

on your laptop, run:

```
$ nano .ssh/config
```

- Add the text to the right
  You can copy and paste from our documentation site
- Replace “your-id” with your OIST ID
- Replace ‘id_ed25519’ with your key name if needed.

```
User your-id
IdentityFile ~/.ssh/id_ed25519
ForwardX11 yes


Host deigo
    Hostname deigo.oist.jp
Host saion
    Hostname saion.oist.jp
host oist-ext
    hostname login.oist.jp
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```

Test your Config!

First, run this:

```
$ ssh deigo

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*
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*  Okinawa Institute of Science and Techno
*
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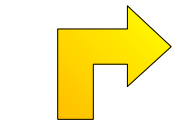
Last login: Tue Aug 20 11:08:24 2024 from
jan-moren@deigo-login3 $
```

If it worked, try to access Deigo from outside OIST:



Test access from outside:

1. Connect to "**OIST-Public**"
2. Then run:

```
$ ssh deigo-ext

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Create an SSH Config File

These are set globally

If you want different settings for different hosts, move them into each hosts settings:

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    Hostname deigo.oist.jp
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    ForwardX11 yes
Host mycomputer
    User your-other-id
    Hostname mycomputer.com
    IdentityFile ~/.ssh/my_other_key
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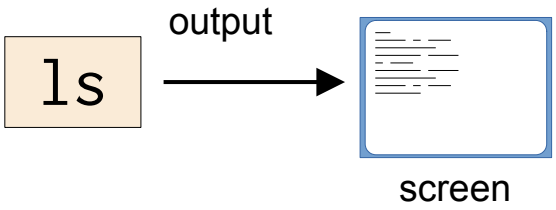

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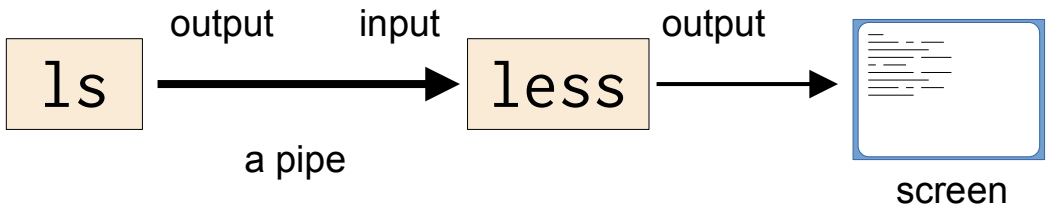

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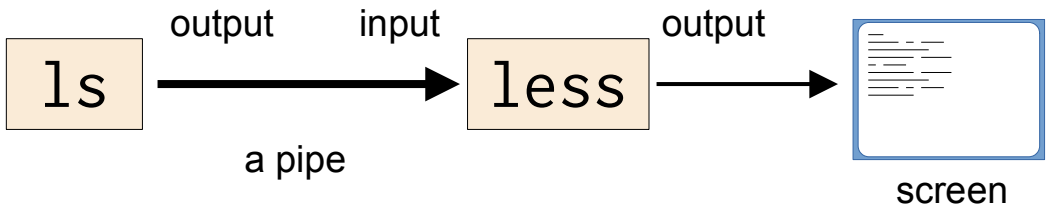

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redirect both stdout and stderr with '&>':

```
# build some program, save the output for later:
$ make &>build.log
```

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Variables

- Variables contain values, typically text
- Set them like this:

```
# set a variable - no spaces around the "="
$ value="42"
```

- Get the value with `${value}` or `$value`
- You can print stuff using "`echo`"

```
# get a variable value
$ echo ${value}
42

# same but simpler to type (but a bit ambiguous)
$ echo $value
42
```

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Variables

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```
# let's create a file name:
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# when run, ${value} is first replaced with 42:
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```

- If we used just $value here:

```
# Now bash thinks the variable is valuea_01
$ echo gene$valuea_01.fasta
gene.fasta
```

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```
# make it an environment variable
$ export value
# see environment
$ env | less
```

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```
# Add a path to PATH:
$ PATH="/new/path/name:$PATH"
# export new PATH into environment
$ export PATH
```

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.bashrc

The main shell configuration file

- Set parameters
- create aliases
- set environment variables
- Change your prompt
- …

File names starting with "." are normally hidden.

"`ls -a`" ("all") will show them

```
# Use "nano" to edit .bashrc
$ nano .bashrc

# use 'source' to re-read the file
$ source .bashrc
```

```
# example settings
# correct minor directory errors
shopt -s cdspell
# set history length
HISTSIZE=15000
HISTFILESIZE=15000

# alias example
alias ll="ls -trl"          # long form ls
```

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See the newest files:

```
# long list, with newest file at the end
$ ls -trl
# define as an alias in .bashrc
alias ll='ls -trl'
```

What's taking all the space?

```
# Size of all folders, in human readable
# format, sorted with largest at bottom
$ du -ch|sort -h
```

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Find strings with "grep"

```
# find Platypus in our animal list
$ grep "Platypus" animals.txt
# Commands that begin with b in /usr/bin
$ ls /usr/bin | grep "^b"
```

...also:

```
# count lines with "Macbeth" in macbeth.txt
$ grep "macbeth" macbeth.txt | wc -l
# date prints time, time measures time taken
$ time sleep 5
```

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If you edit locally on Windows, there is a problem:

Windows uses different end of line characters than Linux and Mac

Solution:

- either set your Windows editor to use "unix" or "LF" endings; or
- convert on cluster using "tr":

```
$ tr -d '\r' <win_file >linux_file
```